

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 9-11, 13 and 19 have been amended to correct typographical errors. As suggested in the last Office Action, claims 6 and 16 have been rewritten in independent form to include all limitations of the base claim and of any intervening claims and are now in condition for allowance. No new matter has been introduced. Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-5, 9-15 and 17-21.

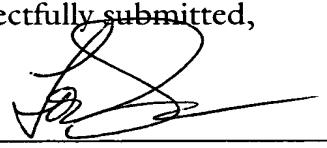
Claims 6 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, “as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.” (Office Action at 2). In particular, the Examiner asserts that “[t]he use of the subjective term ‘higher than’ (thick, thin, high, low, etc . . .) renders the claim(s) unclear in meaning and scope.” (Office Action at 2; emphasis in original).

Applicant submits that claims 6 and 16, which have been rewritten in independent form, distinctly claim the subject matter of the present invention and are, therefore, in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 6 and 16 recite that “the film exhibits . . . *a saturation magnetization, in absolute value, less than 100G*” and “*a switching field, in absolute value, higher than the saturation magnetization*, in a magnetic field applied parallel to the normal to the major surface of the film” (emphasis added). As claims 6 and 16 clearly recite that, under certain conditions, the switching field has a value “higher than the saturation magnetization,” and as the saturation magnetization is clearly defined as having a value “less than 100G,” a person skilled in the art would be apprised of the scope of claims 6 and 16. Accordingly, Applicant submits that all pending claims 1-21 are in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 6 and 16 is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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